

## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims

- 1.1. (Withdrawn) A process for the isolation of Bivittoside D from *Bohadschia vitiensis*, said process comprising soaking *B.vitiensis* material in a first polar solvent, filtering the material and decanting the solvent followed by soaking the material in a second aqueous polar solvent, extracting the material by filtration, concentrating the extracted material under reduced pressure to obtain a thick viscous crude extract, euting the crude extract followed by crystallization to obtain a pure saponin Bivittoside D.
2. (Withdrawn) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first polar organic solvent used for extraction is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, water and any mixture thereof.
3. (Withdrawn) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first polar organic solvent used for extraction is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, water and any mixture thereof.
- 4 (Withdrawn) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first polar solvent comprises of n-butanol saturated with water.
- 5 (Withdrawn) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the viscous crude extract is eluted using silica gel or gel filtration column and wherein the eluent used is selected from the group consisting of chloroform, methanol, ethanol, water and any mixture thereof.
- 6 (Withdrawn) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the yield of the bivittoside D is in the range of 25 – 30 %.
- 7 (currently amended) A spermicidal composition in the form of a cream, jelly, or free-flowing powder and comprising an effective amount of bivittoside D and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable additives.
- 8 (currently amended) A spermicidal composition as claimed in claim 7 comprising an effective amount of bivittoside D and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable additives

wherein the bivittoside D is ~~used~~ present in an amount of 0.01 % to 1.0% in an aqueous solution.

9 (previously presented) A spermicidal composition as claimed in claim 7 comprising bivittoside D isolated from *Bohadschia vitiensis* as a spermicidal agent.

10 (previously presented) A spermicidal composition as claimed in claim 9 wherein the bivittoside D is used as a spermicidal agent in pure form.

11 (previously presented) A spermicidal composition as claimed in claim 9 wherein the bivittoside D is ~~used~~ present in an amount of 0.01 % to 1.0% in an aqueous solution.

12 (canceled)

13. (Canceled)

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17. (new) A spermicidal composition as claimed in claim 8 comprising bivittoside D isolated from *Bohadschia vitiensis* as a spermicidal agent.

18 (New) A method of killing sperm which comprises administering a spermitidally effective amount of bivittoside D to said sperm